



Corres. and Mail
BOX AF

AF #12 mlf
GP 270010/9/01

**ATTENTION: BOX AFTER FINAL
RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 2166**

PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 08250.0980.00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Joseph R. OFFUTT et al.) Group Art Unit: 2166
Serial No.: 09/275,887) Examiner: J. Parisi
Filed: March 25, 1999)
For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR)
DETERMINING NON-OBVIOUS)
SAVINGS IN THE PURCHASE OF)
GOODS AND SERVICES)

RECEIVED
OCT 05 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Technology Center 2100

Sir:

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In reply to the Final Office Action of July 3, 2001, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116,
Applicants request consideration of the following remarks:

REMARKS

In the Final Office Action dated July 3, 2001, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 12, 13, 23, 24, 35, 36, and 43 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Ahlstrom et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,862,357); rejected claims 3-8, 10, 14-19, 21, 25-30, and 32 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ahlstrom et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,862,357) in